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The Mail's Best Wish to You is for a Merry Christmas

ANNUAL TREAT TO CHILDREN DISTRIBUTED AT ELKS' CLUB

Santa Claus and Brother Help to Make Heart of 3,000 Tots Glad

CANDY AND ORANGES GIVEN

Orchestra Plays as Children From Various Schools File Through Room To Receive Their Presents—Decorations Beautiful.

Hearts of three thousand school children and tots too young to go to school were made glad Friday afternoon by the annual treat of candy and oranges distributed by Santa Claus, his brother, and a committee of kind-hearted men at the home of Charleroi lodge. No. 494, B. P O Elks. The treat represented one of the big events of the holiday season to the children who have been looking forward to it for weeks with an anticipation hardly less than that of the anticipation they felt in the actual visitation of Kris Kringle to their homes.

Children were treated school by school. The Crest avenue school came first. At 2 o'clock Santa Claus arrived at the home, accompanied by his brother, and at that hour the doors were opened to let in the first happy youngsters. While an orchestra of eight pieces from local 592, American Federation of Musicians played a lively march, the distribution of treats started. Each child was given a box of candy and an orange upon the presentation of a ticket Santa Claus bossed the job. His brother was in the receiving line, directing that part of the work. Children filed out the back door and then went home.

In turn after the Crest avenue children came the Ninth street school children, the Fifth street children and lastly, the Second street youngsters. Just those of the lower grades and several tots who were cared for by big sisters, mothers or brothers were given treats.

The decorations were beautiful, being entirely of a Christmas nature and giving a Christmas air to the scene. In the middle of the reception hall stood a huge Christmas tree, elegantly trimmed with bright colored trimmings and tinsel, while festoons and holly brightened the windows and doorways. The orchestra played all afternoon during the distribution of the treat, rendering a particularly pleasing program.

The committee having general of the treat was composed of J. B. Tussing, chairman, J. W. Mathias, W. W Darby, Thomas Myers, J. A. Henderson, H. L. Swickey and W. O. Brinham. Other members of the lodge assisted them Superintendent T. L. Pollock of the schools, and all the teachers aided and the police likewise assisted.

Package Handkerchief

Ladies' Handkerchiefs, attractively put up in boxes. 25c to $1.00, liberal selection at lowest prices. Kirk and Clark. 160-t2.

PRESENT CHRISTMAS SEASON UNUSUAL REPORTS MERCHANTS

Trade Never Better Declares One—Postoffice Dealing With Situation by Use of Horse and Wagon.

The present Christmas season has been unusual according to the reports of merchants, who find their sales this year generally were larger than those of last. "Never," said one merchant, "has there been a better trade than this year in my experience."

In spite of delayed mails the postoffice force has been active in getting out the large bulk of Christmas parcel post packages. For the last two days a spring wagon has been employed in the delivery service of the postoffice. Prior to that all packages were delivered by carrier afoot. The express work has been carried far into the night by the delivery of packages.

CHAMPION COAL IN GOOD SHAPE

Company Operating at Millsboro With Complete Electrical Equipment

COKE OVENS BEING BUILT

Installation of modern electrical equipment at the Champion mine of the Champion Gas Coal company at what formerly was Besco, near Millsboro, has been completed and the mine shortly will be running coal at an average of 1,000 tons a day. Incidentally coke ovens are being built. There are 257 of them and installation will be completed within a period of 60 days.

All steam and air equipment with which the mine was equipped at the time of purchase July 17 of this year from the Besesmer Coke company, has been replaced the latter electrical equipment. Siding tracks have been laid and the entire mine put in shape as one of the b est of the Brownsville-Millsboro district.

The president of the company is J. Fred Kurtz, Connellsville; vice president, W. D. McGinnis, Connellsville; secretary, S. S. Morris, Pittsburg; treasurer, Charles S. Bygate. These men with H. A. Davis of Washington compose the directorate. Ernest Marshall is the mine superintendent.

Georgette Crepe Collars.

New lot, 50c and $1.00. Kirk and Clark. 160-t2.

VAUDEVILLE EVERY DAY AT THE PALACE

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

All around about our feet shall shine
A light like that the wise men saw,
If we our loving wills incline
To that sweet Life which is the law.

And they who do their souls no wrong,
But keep at eve the faith of morn,
Shall daily hear the angel song,
"Today the Prince of Peace is born!"

—James Russell Lowell

CAR SITUATION WILL RECEIVE ATTENTION

Interstate Commerce Commission to Take Radical Action Toward Settling Difficulties—Carriers Must Return Cars.

Steps were taken by the Interstate Commerce commission looking to a sudden clearing up of the car shortage situation. For more than a year car shortage in some sections and severe congestion in others, both militating against expeditious movement of goods, have tied up freight traffic. The commission late Friday issued an order hailing before it every railroad in the United States engaged in interstate commerce preparatory to laying down drastic rules for the relief of the transportation situation.

Under Friday's order all carriers are to appear at Washington on December 28 to show cause why orders should not be issued requiring all cars tied up in the various parts of the country to be immediately returned to the roads owning them

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NO ISSUE OF THE MAIL ON MONDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday being Christmas Day, and a holiday, no issue then will be published by the Mail.

COON ISLAND COAL WILL BE DEVELOPED

Considerable Activity Shown About Claysville Operations by Owen Murphy of Latrobe—Some Coal Now Being Sold.

Owen Murphy, coal operator of Latrobe, who some months ago completed the sinking of a shaft at Coon Island, near Claysville, where he owns a large tract of coal land, has resumed activities and it is stated that he will rush through to completion the equipping of the shaft, erection of a tipple, and operate the workings at full capacity as soon as possible.

In the meantime some coal is being mined and sold to farmers who drive to the mine. The demand at the

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FREE HOUSE RENT FOR MINING MEN

On and after January 1, 1917, good tile and frame single and double houses. Cutters, loaders, trackmen wanted. Apply quickly to superintendent at Champion works, Besco, Washington Co., Pa. Steady work, good conditions All new electrical equipment. Frick scale. Champion Gas Coal Company, postoffice Millsboro, Pa. Coke drawers needed in about 60 days. 161-t2—*

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE WILL HAVE UNUSUAL ACCOMPANIMENTS

FORMER CHARLEROI GIRL MUCH IN THE LIMELIGHT AS BEAUTY

Miss Olive Thomas, Known in Girlhood as Miss Olive Duffy of Third Street Theatrical Star.

A former Charleroi girl who now is very much in the eyes of the public is Miss Olive Thomas, or as she was known here in girlhood days as Miss Olive Duffy. Miss Thomas' picture this week has been seen in hundreds of publications over the United States, as "America's Newest Beauty." She is being hearlded as such in film productions in which she is appearing as one of the stars in Flo Zeigfeld's "Midnight Frolics" in New York, in which she appears according to her press notices in a thousand-dollar gown.

Miss Duffy formerly lived on Third street, near Crest avenue, where her grandmother, "Grandma" McCormick still resides. Her mother lives in Glassport. Miss Duffy was married to a man by the name of Thomas, and lived in New York. Lately her husband has been living in Charleroi.

SENTENCED TO THE WORKHOUSE

Oliver Pegg of Charleroi Must Spend Six Months There for Larceny

HEARING AT MONONGAHELA

Convicted of larceny from the person in holding up John McClain, a local driver for the Roley Taxicab company of Belle Vernon, Oliver Pegg of Charleroi was sentenced by Alderman Ellwood at Monongahela Friday to a fine of $25 and costs or undergo imprisonment in the workhouse for a period of six months. The fine was not paid and Corporal Sturm took Pegg to the workhouse today to begin serving his sentence. A jury trial was given him.

It is alleged that McClain was held up after he had been induced to drive a passenger to a point back of Belle

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Notice

"Serv-Us" Pure Food Products can be secured from the following merchants:

Woodward & Parks, Lock No. 4.
H. H. Duvall
P. Pardini.
Paul Ternavsky.
Leon Depassi.
J. Leroy.
Eugene Sance.
E. Demarco.
F. Wanthier.

Watch this list grow. 130-tf—*

Community Tree Observance Tonight to Start Joyous Celebration

WILL LIGHT TREE AT 8:30

Short Program to be Carried Out—Church Musical Programs to be Given Sunday—Treats Will be Distributed.

In much the usual way, with a few unusual accompaniments and features, the greatest holiday of the year will be observed Sunday and Monday. Christmas comes Monday, but the celebration will begin tonight and continue over Sunday to the festive day. Tonight the all important feature will be the Community Tree observance on the lot at the corner of Fifth street and Fallowfield avenue. Church programs will be Sunday features and Sunday school treats will be distributed.

Electricians are putting lights on the Community tree today and with the other decorations the tree will present a nice appearance when the meeting is held at 8:30 o'clock to dedicate it. To save confusion this evening, toys and gifts for the needy are being distributed today. The committeee has taken note of the ready response of citizens to help along the project.

The lights are to be turned on promptly at 8:30 o'clock, when the following program will be given.

Opening song by the school children, directed by Prof. I. T. Daniel.

"Welcoming Words," Burgess S. L. Woodward.

"A Christmas Poem," Miss Marie Watson of Monessen.

"The Meeting and Dedication of the Tree", Rev. John R. Burson, chairman of local committee.

Closing song by the children.

Benediction, Rev. C. P. Bastian.

The Christmas observance at the churches will take place Sunday, with the programs being amplified by Monday programs in some of the churches. Following are the church announcements for Sunday and Monday, Christmas day:

Baptist.

In Majestic theatre. Bible school at 9:45. Christmas treat for the members of the elementary department and cradle roll. Worship at 11. Subject, "Christ's Coming." Young People's meeting at 6:45. Subject, "Helping to Accomplish the Purpose of Christ's Coming." Evening worship at 7:30. Theme, "Coming to Christ." A cordial welcome is extended to all the services. W. G. Carl, minister.

Christ Lutheran.

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching services at 11. Subject of sermon, "Jesus the Joy of the World." At 7:30 p. m. the Sunday school children will render their Christmas service. Early services Christmas morning at 6:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to all services. Rev. C. P. Bastian, pastor.

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J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER

Once again the Christmas season is here, emphasizing the spirit of good will and peace. All Christendom is not at peace, but all Christendom is preparing to celebrate now the greatest of all festivals, that devoted to an observance of the birth of the Lowly Savior and a remembrance of his teachings.

"Peace on earth, good will to men", finds expression at this particular time in efforts for a peaceful termination of the hideous struggle which has enveloped the nations of Europe for two years and more. More and more senseless does the awful slaughter seem since no satisfactory conclusion has been reached in the gigantic test of mankind. If peace finally does come, through the instrumentality of the great United States and other neutral nations, more than ever will humankind everywhere have reason for rejoicing.

The affairs of the year have been such as to forcifully call attention to the teachings of the lowly Nazarene, as applicable to every day living. He taught the gospel of good cheer and brotherly love. Into the latter creeps a great wealth of meaning. It directs helpfulness one to another; relief of the poor. Surely at no time was there greater need of brotherly love than now. We do not quite understand our neighbors across the sea, but we know that they are suffering. Their needs at the beginning of the great war were horrible to contemplate; they are greater now with winter approaching, and without food, shelter or raiment.

Wonderful opportunities face us. We of America are comparatively prosperous. Our worst complaints are as nothing compared with those of others. By helping wherever possible we inculcate the tre intent of the Christian religion. For this reason Christmas may well be the most joyous season of the whole year.

THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army has the right idea of Christmas observance. It is an organization which reads into the teachings of the lowly Nazarene, the anniversary of whose birth Monday will be celebrated, the ideals of brotherly love. The lowly Nazarene told us to love our neighbor as ourselves. That must be accepted literally, and so the Salvation Army regards it.

On Christmas day the Salvation Army in the Monongahela valley and in hundreds of cities in the United States will give baskets filled with dainties to the poor, affording them a square meal at least once in the year. It is done because of love and in an honest endeavor to hue as closely as possible to the humane principals taught by force of example by the Savior of mankind.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

HOW RICH WE ARE!

In a recent address made by the comptroller of currency, he said that since the European war broke out the United States has exported to the warring nations and other foreign countries, products to the amount of nine billion dollars; that we have loaned to foreign nations two billion dollars; that we have brought back from the American securities to the amount of three billion dollars.

It thus appears that in less than three years the United States has been transferred from the debtor to a creditor nation for the first time in its history. The comptroller says that it is estimated that the annual interest and dividend payments which [illegible] formerly sent to foreign countries aggregated $250,000,000, and that from this time on we will collect in interest more [illegible]

The estimated total wealth of the United States is now more than $220,000,000,000, or three times the wealth of the German empire, four times the wealth of France and twice the wealth of the whole British empire, including all its possessions in both hemispheres.—Beaver Daily Times.

MIGHT BUILD A LAW

It might not occur to Congress, but it is a fact, that there are many Americans who have more interest in America than they have in either [illegible] These [illegible] of the United States care much more [illegible] what is going to [illegible] what is taking place in [illegible] Flanders, Poland or Russia. [illegible] the events are. And that [illegible] the many who are employed in [illegible] are more concerned to know that there is [illegible] Mexico, in the news, and attempts [illegible] Congress is giving to affairs in Europe and Mexico and affairs in the United States.

The [illegible] must vote makes up [illegible] of the population in every [illegible] is extensively absorbed at present in the way the cost of ordinary living is growing beyond the limit of [illegible] and is family and plantation [illegible] Congress because Congress shows so much less interest in his predicament than of European and Mexicans. His patience gets no reinforcement from the recent announcement of the Department of Justice that the many "probes" of food prices can mean nothing and make no difference to anybody, because there is no Federal law under which the department can take any action.

The various investigations in to the food prices have run into a blind alley or against a stone wall, head-on, according to the way different men express the situation in words. The average man is inclined to think that if there is no law to protect the Nation's food supply among the many that clutter up the statute books, Congress might take a few days off even in the pork-barreling season to fix up a law that would make it possible to either forestall such a situation in future, or put a penalty upon it that might deter men who lige to gamble in what is much like human life in the shape of foods.

The food manipulators probably knew more about the law than the Nation's law department when some of them definitely asked, "What are you going to do about it?" If they ask again we know the answer. "Nothing."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

New Year Resolutions

On the very first of Jan.
A new diary he began;
But before the first of Feb.
His well-meant zeal began to ebb.

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Pride goeth before destruction, especally on Fifth street hill.

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The only fun you have in not being a kid is in being able to watch the kids from a grandstand seat.

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A fussy oldd dame from Brest,
For embroidery led al lthe rest;
She crocheted a nail
In her husband's shirt tail.
Who sat down and remarked, "Well I'm blest!"

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Christmas is a long time coming and only lasts a day, but it is worth looking forward to.

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Anyhow you don't hear much these days about the man who rocked the boat.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

As a train was getting up steam to leave a certain station it suddenly parted in the middle. Of course, the communication cord broke and one end of it struck an old woman, who was standing on the platform, in the face.

"Goodness me!" she gasped in astonishment. "What was that?"

"The train has broken in two, madam," said a man who stood near her.

"And I should think so!" said the old woman, indignantly, as she eyed the broken cord. "Did they really think that a piece of string like that could hold a train together?"—London Answers.

"Children," said the Sunday school superintendent, "this picture illustrates today's lesson: Lot was warned to take his wife and daughters and flee out of Sodom. Here are Lot and his daughters, with his wife just behind them, and here is Sodom in the background. Now, has any little girl or boy a question before we take up the study of the lesson? Well, Susie?"

"Pleathe, thir," lisped the latest graduate from the infant class, "where ith the flea!"—Harper's Weekly.

GLASS IN THE EARLY AGES.

It Was Always Colored and Opaque, as a Rule, Until the Year 600 B. C.

Some [illegible] blood of [illegible] and the existence of glass, the earliest in history. Some [illegible] specimens have quite recently been discovered in the sepulchers of the period of 2000 B. C. The glass of Egypt was always opaque, [illegible] almost always colored and used for the making of articles of [illegible] such as beads, vases of [illegible] which likely change very little, white, light blue, yellow, black and red.

[illegible] that [illegible] only 3000 years [illegible] Phoenicians to be exact—that [illegible] into use for the manufacture of bottles and goblets. By the time, however, Egyptian glass had been extensively exported to [illegible] and Italy, the furnaces of Alexandria, under the Ptolemies, producing [illegible] vases of [illegible]

To the Phoenicians have many authorities awarded credit for the discovery attributed to the Egyptians, and it is certain that Sidon, the capital of Phoenicia, was at a very early period famous for glassware made by Artas and Ironawas from the sand brought down from Mount Carmel.

While specimens of Egyptian and Phoenician glass were found in Greece in the time of Herodotus and Aristophanes, it was not until 350 B. C. that its manufacture in the form of engraved stones and cameos became common among the Hellenes, the sphere of Archimedes, for example, being made of this substance.

From decaying Rome the manufacture of glass was transferred to Constantinople, thence in the seventh century to Venice, which for many hundreds of years was to remain the center of the industry, the Venetian goblets and drinking cups being exported all over the world.—Exchange.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

How It Has Grown Since Its Origin In Revolutionary Times.

It was first granted to Revolutionary soldiers during the war, then to cabinet officers and members of congress for official correspondence and public documents. At first members of congress only had the privilege during the session of congress, but later it was extended to cover the whole year and private correspondence. The first four presidents had it for life, and it was granted to the widows of some former presidents. But abuse grew up, and the privilege was considerably curtailed.

At present the following mail matter may be sent free: All public documents, printed by order of congress, the Congressional Record and speeches contained therein, franked by members of congress or the secretary of the senate or clerk of the house. Seeds transmitted by the secretary of agriculture or by any member of congress procured from that department. Letters and packages relating exclusively to the business of the government of the United States, mailed only by officers of the same, and letters and parcels mailed by the Smithsonian institution. All these must be covered by specially printed "penalty" envelopes or labels.

The vice president, members and members elect to congress may frank any mail matter to any government official or to any person correspondence not over four ounces in weight upon official or departmental business. All communications to government officers and to members of congress are required to be prepaid by stamps unless inclosed in "penalty" envelopes furnished for replies.—Philadelphia Press.

Marconi's Greatest Pleasure.

"Nothing ever gave me greater pleasure," Signor Marconi once told Mrs. Alec Tweedie, who tells it in her reminiscences, "My Tablecloths," "than a certain £100 I earned for writing an article. Oh, dear, I was proud of that £100. An American magazine wrote to me for something and offered 20 guineas. I refused and never gave the thing a second thought. They wrote again and offered me £50, and again I refused. I am not a literary man, only a very busy one. To my surprise these American people cabled £100, or a shilling a word. It seemed so delightful that I accepted and wrote the article, and that £100 earned by my very own pen was an immense joy. I really don't think anything ever gave me greater pleasure."

A Legend of Lace.

According to Melchior de Vogue, the legend of lace is as follows: A Venetian sailor gave his ladylove a frond of spreading seaweed to keep him in memory while at sea. But the girl found that the seaweed was rapidly drying up and disappearing. So she caught the fine branches and leaves of the plant with thread against a piece of linen and, working on, with her thoughts following her lover, invented lace.

Different Now.

"Is this cellar perfectly dry?" inquired the prospective purchaser.

"Well," responded the talented agent, with a knowing wink, "it always had been until the prohibition law went into effect." — Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Back Yards In Texas.

A Texas rancher's wife complained that she didn't have enough room in the back yard, so as an addition he has just purchased 40,000 acres.—Pittsburgh Post.

Finish every day and be done with it.—Emerson.

INDIANS AND MEDICINE.

A Funny Way of Giving a Sick Child a Dose of Oil.

The Indian, says the Rev. J. Hines in his book "The Red Indians of the Plains," has the idea that any kind of medicine is equally good for all complaints. He believes in drastic measures, and unless he feels the effect of the second dose of the medicine he loses faith in it and gives up taking it. He prefers purgatives and emetics, but even in these the Indian is wont to do things, and for this castor oil is especially "good medicine."

Very often mothers would send to the missionary for castor oil for their infants and then come the next day and complain that the medicine had not operated and that the child had done nothing but cry ever since it took the medicine. Then my wife would pour out an extra teaspoonful and hand it to the mother and request her to administer it in her presence. The child would object, as most children do, and that part of the oil that left the spoon would trickle down the cheek of the child.

The mother partly to remove the oil and partly to pacify the child, would give the child a kiss that covered the whole of its cheek and in so doing would remove the oil with her lips and swallow it herself. Then she would lick the spoon clean, hand it back to my wife, and that is the way Indian women give castor oil to their children. After witnessing this performance we had no difficulty in understanding why the child got no benefit from the previous dose.

GAUDY HEAD COVERINGS.

Girls and Women In Haiti Have a Fashion All Their Own.

There are in Haiti probably 900,000 women and girls over ten years of age, and at least 850,000 of them wear the "mouchoir tete," or headkerchief. This is wound around the head bandanna fashion. One of silk or a mercerized goods, with brocaded figures woven in it, and locally called "foulard" is usually kept for Sundays and special occasions; others of prints or calico are used for everyday wear, according to "Commerce Reports."

The tastes run the whole gamut of colors. Women who are in mourning—and the practice of putting on mourning for deceased relatives not of the immediate family is common—wear solid black or black and white or black, white and blue designs. Black is a favorite color with the people anyway. Combinations of black and red are well liked; also stripes in blues and blacks on a white ground. Yellow and red, black, red and yellow and blue and white checks called "madras" are very popular, particularly yellows and blacks or a combination of yellow, black and white and various other startling color schemes.

These fines, except the blacks, do not appear to be very "fast" colors, and it has been suggested by a dealer that more enduring dyes would soon find favor among the buyers, particularly if some distinguishing mark could be put on each kerchief by which the desired brand could be easily distinguished.

Preserving Spiders' Webs.

Naturalists employ an ingenious method of preserving all kinds of spiders' webs. The webs are first sprayed with an atomizer with a thin solution of artists' shellac, and then, should they be of the ordinary geometric form, they are pressed carefully against a glass plate, the supporting strands at the same time being severed. After the shellac solution has dried the plates carrying the webs can be stored away in a cabinet. Even dome shaped webs may be preserved in their original form by spraying them with shellac and then allowing them to dry before removal from their supports. Many spiders' webs are very beautiful, and all are characteristic of the species to which they belong, so that from a scientific standpoint their permanent preservation is very desirable.

Survival of the Fittest.

The expression "the survival of the fittest" grew out of the publication of Darwin's "Origin of Species," in which he shows that animals, which were fittest to survive in the given conditions under which they lived, did survive in the struggle for existence, while the weaker—namely, the species less fitted for the struggle against their surroundings—died out. This is also applied to human species and has been generally applied to races, nations and cirilizations, as well as individuals, those that survive being fittest to cope with conditions within and without.

A Blind Painter.

"The wonderful sixth sense supposed to be possessed by the blind is not a fable. I know a blind musician. He is a genius.

"That's not so remarkable. I know a blind painter."

"Impossible."

"Not at all. His work is perfect."

"A blind painter? His work is perfect? Why, what does he paint?"

"He paints blinds, you chump."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Quser Old Laws.

France in 1314 passed laws regulating the size of the cloak and robe, the breadth of the trimming and the number of suits that might be possessed by each person; also the diet, including the hour of meals and the number of dishes.

A judicious silence is always better than truth spoken without charity.—De Sales.

HYGIENE IN THE BEEHIVE.

The Way Intruders Are Sealed Up In a Tomb of Wax.

It has been observed that bees have a most ingenious and sanitary way of disposing of a living creature that may by accident or design chance to find its way into their hive. When the intruder is killed, as killed he must be, whether he be large or small, the problem arises how to deal with the body.

If the bees find that it is impossible to expel or to get rid of the creature they will proceed cleverly to inclose it in a veritable sepulcher of wax. In one of his hives a beekeeper discovered three such tombs side by side, erected with party walls like the cells of the comb, in order that no wax might be wasted. These tombs the prudent bees had raised over the remains of three snails that had strayed into the hive.

As a rule the bees will, when dealing with snails, be content to seal up with wax the opening of the shell. In this case, however, the snails' shells were more or less cracked or broken. The bees had therefore considered it simpler to bury the snails entire, and the bees had further contrived, in order that traffic might not be impeded in the entrance hall of the hive, a number of galleries exactly proportionate not to their own girth, but to that of the male bees, which are almost twice as large as the workers.—Exchange.

Historic Pawnee Rock.

A short distance north of Pawnee Rock station, Kansas, is a high southward facing cliff of sandstone known as Pawnee rock, projecting as a rocky promontory from the broad ridge that forms the north side of the valley. The elements and the hand of man, says a report of the geological survey, have made great changes in its size and appearance since the days when the Santa Fe trail passed along its base. Here there were many encounters between the savages and the whites and also between hostile bands of Indians, for the place is noted not only in pioneer history, but in Indian traditions as well. Names and initials of many travelers, from the early trappers and the "forty-niners" to the later army detachments, have been scratched on the smooth faces of the ledges.

Birds That Sing During Flight.

In reference to a recent paragraph about birds that sing while flying a correspondent writes:

"The cuckoo is a fine bird that sings as it flies, especially when pursued by angry little birds whose nest it has attempted to invade, as I have several times seen and heard. Then the tree pipit and whitethroat generally rise from their perch and flutter in the air while singing, besides swallows, if you count their twittering as a song. I have also seen and heard missel thrush and blackbird sing while flying, but only very rarely."—London Mail.

Its Value to Him.

"Has your college education been of any practical value to you?"

"You bet it has! If it wasn't for my experience in track athletics I'd have to leave my house five minutes earlier every morning in order to catch the 7:58," replied the commuter.—Michigan Awgwan.

His Bad Break.

"Why on earth do you come to me to borrow money, Billus?" said Harkaway peevishly. "Why don't you go to Jorrocks? He's the prosperous looking member of our set."

"That's just it, Harkaway," said Billups. "Jorrocks looks so very prosperous that I am quite sure he spends every penny he makes, but you, old man—why, you dress like a man who saves his money."

P. S.—He didn't get it.

WHAT YOU WANT AND WHERE TO GET IT

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STRONG EVIDENCE

Is the Statement of This Charleroi Woman.

Backache is often kidney ache;
A common warning of serious kidney ills.
"A Stitch in Time Saves Nine"—
Don't delay—use Doan's Kidney Pills.

Profit by Mrs. Valletty's experience

Mrs. Louis Valletty, 205 Prospect avenue, Charleroi, says: "I had been troubled for years with dropsical swellings in my feet and ankles and I found it hard to get around. I also had a dull, heavy pain in the small of my back and I couldn't do my housework. Rheumatic pains darted throughout my body and I felt tired all the time. I doctored but got no relief and when I was advised to try Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a supply at Piper Bros. Drug Store. Two boxes relieved me. I now take Doan's Kidney Pills off and on when I am not felling well and

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Valletty had. Foster-Milburn Co. Props., Buffalo, N. Y.
they never fail to help me."

If you're going to have good health simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Valletty had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

TRY A CLASSIFIED WANT AD.

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6 room house, McKean Ave....$3600
10 room, double house, 6th St...$2600
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8 room house, McKean Ave....$2100
4 room house, Oakland Ave...$1900
7 rooms and bath Washington Ave. $2500

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411 Fallowfield Ave.,
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ARE YOU ONE of the hundreds of happy people whose names are enrolled in our Christmas Savings Club? Don't let this golden opportunity pass by. Make the start now.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND THANK YOU FOR GENEROUS PATRONAGE

We Extend a Holiday Greeting

To all our customers and friends, to all our patrons, in town and out of town. We extend Our Holiday Greeting. May Happiness and Good Fortune be yours throughout the coming year.

Our Store will be Open Until Eleven O'clock Saturday Evening to Accomodate the late shoppers

J. W. Berryman & Son

OHIO GAS SHORTAGE ATTRACTS ATTENTION

More Than Ordinary Interest in Ohio Decision Handed Down by State Public Service Commission—Domestic Consumers Protected.

More than ordinary interest has been manifested by the Pittsburg district manufacturers in an administrative order just issued by the Public Utilities commission of Ohio, with regard to the supply of natural gas while classed as domestic are not residence users. The idea of the commission is to protect the domestic users of natural gas whenever possible owing to the growing scarcity of this fuel.

The administrative order of the commission issued by Chairman Beecher W. Waltermire, Lawrence K. Langdon and Louis M Day, follows:

"The commission having under consideration the furnishing of natural gas to consumers within Ohio and having, through its experts and examiners made a careful investigation of the situation, taken the pressure in various parts of the state, examined conditions and ascertained that there is a shortage of gas in many localities of the state creating an emergency therein, finds that there is an insufficient supply of natural gas to furnish both domestic and industrial consumers.

"The Commission further finds that the schedule of the companies who furnish said gas, on file with the commission show that industrial consumers or the non-preferred class, are, for the most part, furnished service under what is known as a Uniform Contract, which contract provides that their service is subject to discontinuance and disconnection at any time and under the conditions of the Uniform Contract, or clauses of like import. It is therefore,

"Ordered. That each and every company furnishing natural gas to both domestic and industrial consumers within the state of Ohio, proceed forthwith to a strict enforcement of the terms of said Uniform Contract and to enforce the conditions of said schedule by the discontinuance of said non-preferred or industrial class in each and every locality where the supply of gas is not adequate and sufficient to furnish a reasonable supply to both; and to continue such disconnection until such time as adequate service can be furnished to both. It is further

"Ordered. That each and every public utility furnishing natural gas as aforesaid in any locality when, after the discontinuation of industrial consumers, the supply is not adequate to supply domestic consumers, forthwith make report of such facts, together with a list of any and all other consumers not within the domestic class but not subject to summary discontinuance, for further order of the commission.'

Remembers the Mail.

Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church, remembered his friends of the Charleroi Mail this afternoon by the presentation of a fine, large box of candy, a Christmas package duly appreciated by the members of the force.

Seeking Coal Options.

Coal speculators are endeavoring to take options on a few tracts of coal in the neighborhood of Prosperity. They are asking for three months' time in which to elect to accept the coal, the consideration being $ 200 an acre.

Mrs. Braden Gets Estate.

Mrs. Anna L. Braden of Washington, daughter of John McKeown, one of the pioneer oil operators of this county, who amassed a fortune, has been awarded $162,000 as her share of the estate of her mother, Mrs. Sarah McKeown, after ligitation of five years. The estate was valued at $1,000,000.

Half a Ton of Chocolates.

Shipped to us by an overstocked dealer—only two days to sell them in but prices will do it—mixed chocolate, fruit and nut chocolate and chocolate cherries—all put up in attractive Christmas boxes. 25c to $1 values going at 19c to 80c. Last chance tomorrow. Kirk and Clark, 421 McKean avenue. 160-t2.

Dirty Windows.

A German professor has ascertained that in industrial cities windows which have not been washed for ten days exclude from 35 to 48 per cent of the light. If not washed for four weeks they may exclude as much as 80 per cent of the light.

CHRISTMAS TREE OBSERVANCE OF MAIL TAKES PLACE TODAY

The annual Christmas tree observance of the Mail took place late this afternoon in the composing room of the office. After the paper had "gone to press", the employes assembled, according to custom around the tree and candles were lit. Gifts were distributed to all the employes, ranging from useful articles to the ridiculous.

SENTENCED TO WORKHOUSE

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Vernon one night. Pegg posed as a state trooper and threatened McClain with arrest on a charge trumped up for the occasion. He secured the sum of $3. A Charleroi doctor driving closely behind McClain knew something of the occurrence and identified Pegg.

Action to make Pegg answerable to the charge of impersonating an officer have been taken and he will be formally accused upon the termination of his workhouse sentence.

St. Jerome's Catholic.

The usual Sunday masses will be celebrated leading up to Christmas day. On Christmas day high mass will be celebrated at 5 o'clock and there will be low masses at 6, 7, 8 and 8:30 o'clock. High mass at 9:30. There will be no afternoon services. A treat to Sunday school children as usual will be distributed this year. Special Christmas music will be directed by Ed. Wheeler, with Mrs. B. Kleist as the organist. Rev. W. D. Fries, pastor, and Rev. S. A. Welch will have charge of all the masses

RAY WORKING HARD FOR HIS BOUT WITH M'GUIRE

Johnny Ray of Pittsburg and Barney McGuire of Johnstown will meet over the 10-round route in Charleroi tonight in what is expected to be the best fight held in the Monongahela valley since the resumption of boxing. Ray is matched with Young Rector, a New England lightweight, in a Philadelphia ring Christmas afternoon, and has been working for his two bouts as he seldom works.

Al Martin of Verona and Tony Frascatore of Donora are matched in the semi-final, with Chalky Wimler and Young Meredith in the second bout. George Caesar and Young Carmen of Charleroi will box the opener.

TURKEY DEALERS REAP RICH PROFIT ON FOWLS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wholesale and commission merchants of the Pittsburg district who were fortunate enough to have large stocks of turkeys reaped a harvest Friday when prices for live gobblers advanced 5 cents a pound. The scarcity of the festive bird and the good demand will enable some of the dealers to recoup losses they suffered during the Thanksgiving trade, when the bottom dropped out of the market and sales were made as low as 20 cents a pound. In a wholesale way live turkeys brought prices ranging from 32 to 35 cents a pound and the high prices will likely continue today as few birds remain for the holiday buyers.

The market for dressed turkeys was very irregular. Many of those left from Thanksgiving were brought out of cold storage. In a canvass made among the wholesale dealers they were found quoted from 33 to 40 cents a pound. The prices for other poultry were about 2 cents a pound higher than the previous day.

Preparations for the Christmas dinner resulted in liberal buying in all departments of the market. Retail merchants were busy replenishing their stock. With the exception of the increases poultry prices no decided advances were made for foodstuff. Fruit was plentiful and the dealers reported heavy buying of oranges, grapes and apples.

CAR SITUATION

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without diversion or misuse. This order would throw the transportation system into brief chaos, it is believed, but would clear up the situation. The order was largely prompted by the foodprice situation.

CARELESSNESS PROVIDES NO ESCAPE FROM COMPENSATION

So Decides Compensation Board in Moon Run Case Against Pittsburg Coal Company.

The State Compensation board in a decision handed down by Commissioner Leech finds that Mary Watson of Moon Run, is entitled to compensation for the death of her husband in a mine of the Pittsburg Coal company, although he died as a result of his regard of mine rules.

The commission holds there is no way for the employer to escape the liability for compensation except where the injury or death is self-inflicted, or where "caused by the act of a third person intended to injure the employe because of reasons personal to him, and not directed against him as an employe because of his employment."

There is no ground for supposing that Watson intended to take his own life. The question of negligence is eliminated, and there is no bar to compensation, it says, to administer to law as it stands. Mrs. Watson is awarded $6.25 per week for 300 weeks, payable semi-monthly.

It is held that in the course of his employment Watson was engaged in filling his miner's lamp, which was lighted, with crude oil which he had taken into and secreted in the mine; and died as the result of an explosion. It is admitted, says the decision, that Watson was killed as a result of his own wilful misconduct in violating the bituminous mine code, but at the same time he was under the compensation act. "The question of negligence has been eliminated, and as we view it, that is all the conduct of the deceased employe amounted to, which is no bar to compensation, even though it amounts to gross or criminal negligence, while in the course of employment," concludes Mr. Leech.

DRUGGISTS KEPT BUSY

People Everywhere Are Enthusiastic Over "Neutrone Prescription 99"

Hundreds of bottles of Neutrone Prescription 99" are being sold and druggists say this is the greatest remedy they have ever handled. So great a demand for a medicine has some good reason back of it, and in the case of "Neutrone Prescription 99" the reason is its wonder-working curative power in all forms of rheumatism.

Inflammatory, Muscular and Sciatic Rheumatism are quickly subdued, the pains of Neuralgia are banished, swollen joints and painful muscles disappear, the blood is purified and the general health improved when "Neutrone Prescription 99" is used.

This successful prescription is the tried remedy of a famous specialist, used in his practice for years.

To place this "Neutrone Prescription 99" within reach of all the price has been fixed at 50c and $1.00 the bottle. A short trial will show results convincing to the most skeptical. Get a bottle today and say "good bye Rheumatism."

W. F. Hennings and leading druggists everywhere.

Notice to Stockholders.

Charleroi, Pa., December 9, 1916

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank will be held at its Banking House, Charleroi, Pa., Tuesday, January 9,1917, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business which might properly come before them.

R. H. Rush, Cashier.

D-9-16-23-30

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Don't fool with a cold. Cure it.

HILL'S CASCARA QUININE BROMIDE

The old family remedy—in tablet form—safe, sure, easy to take. No opiates—no unpleasant after effects. Cures colds in 24 hours—Grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red Top and Mr. Hill's picture on it—25 cents.

At Any Drug Store

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE

First Presbyterian

Sunday school at 9:45. Morning worship at 11. Subject, "The Christmas Spirit." Luke 2:14. Senior C. E. at 6:45. Ella Malcom leader. Subject, "Helping to Accomplish the Purpose of Christ's Coming." Evening worship at 7:30. Subject, "Five Points of the Star." There will be special music both morning and evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Subject, "The Universal King." A hearty invitation is extended to friends of the church and strangers without a church home. A. J. Whipkey, pastor.

First Christian.

Fallowfield avenue near Sixth street. Christmas services. Bible school at 9:45. Lord's supper and preaching at 10:50. Subject, "Everything Upside Down." Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Subject, "Helping to Accomplish the Purpose of Christ's Coming." Leader, Miss Letitia Morris. Evening worship at 7:30. Christmas subject, "Fares, Please." The Junior choir will sing at this service. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:30: last prayer meeting of the year. Strangers to our city and those without a church home are cordially invited to the services of our downtown church. This is the People's church, You are welcome. Come.

French Presbyterian

Sunday school at 9:30. Morning worship at 10:30. Subject, "The Message of Christmas." At 7 o'clock the Christmas service wil be held by the children of the Sunday school and the customary treat distributed. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Rev. J. E. Charles, Ph. D., pastor.

Washington Avenue Presbyterian

Sabbath school at 9:45. Preaching at 11. Sermon, "Bethlehem the Center of the World's Greatness." Jr. C. E. at 2:30. Sr. C. E. at 6:30. Topic, "Helping to Accomplish the Purpose of Christ's Coming." Leaders, Helen Fleming, Ruth Eckel, Hazel Howard and Margaret Jeffries. At 7:30 the choir will give a program of special Christmas music under the direction of John F. Bowman. The church extends to all the season's choicest greetings in honor of the Christchild. Rev. John R. Burson, pastor.

Methodist Episcopal.

Corner Sixth street and Lincoln avenue. Sunday school at 9:30. Classes for everybody. Christmas musical service at 10:45. Musical service by choir directed by August H. Bosson, as follows:

Prelude, F. Feiot, violin; Felix Rossomme, flute; Mrs. Floyd Chalfant, organ.

Hymn, No. 120, congregation.

Prayer, pastor.

Anthem, "The King of the Angels," Adam Geibel, choir.

Announcements.

Anthem. "The Star", J. Lincoln Hall, choir.

Offertory, violin, flute, organ.

Anthem, "His Natal Night," J. Lincoln Hall, choir.

Anthem, "Behold the King Has Come." Alfred Judson.

Benediction.

March, orchestra.

Epworth league service at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "Heaven", the last of the present series of three sermons by the pastor, on "Home," "Mother", "Heaven." Special music by choir. Cello solo by Darwin Barth. Monday evening the cantata," Santa Claus at Grandma's House" will be given at 7:30 in the church by the Sunday school. Committee, Lambert Heaton, Miss Mary Glunt. Miss Elizabeth Frew. Earl Nickeson, Miss Hazeldell Lambert, Mrs. Flowd Chalfant, pianist. Treat for the Sunday school at close. All are invited. Rev. C. A. Hartung, pastor.

Episcopal.

St. Mary's church. Lookout avenue and Sixth street. Services Fourth Sunday in Advent as follows: School at 9:45. Morning prayer with sermon at 11. Evening praper at 7:30. Christmas day holy communion at 10. a. m. The children's Christmas festival Holy innocents' day, Thursday 28th 7:30 p. m. There will be special Christmas music on Sunday as well as on Christmas day. Rev. John Lyons, rector.

Free Methodist.

Regular Sunday services in the Odd Fellows' hall in the Bank of Charleroi building. Preaching at 10:30. Evening worship at 7:30. Sermons by Rev. C. Lloyd Page, pastor.

COON ISLAND COAL

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present time more than exceeds the output but Mr. Murphy plans to be able to meet this and also put his product on foreign markets.

For some weeks there has ben little activity about the mine. At one time it was reported that Mr. Murphy was negotiating for the sale of the entire tract. Work was stopped, it is said, because the Latrobe man did not have the necessary capital to proceed.

Having secured the necessary money to finance his project, Mr. Murphy now plans to equip the mine modernly throughout and operate it himself.

In event of this, Coon Island will bloom forth as one of the largest mining towns in the Claysville section of Washington county and successful operation of the mine will mean that it is, but the forerrunner to the development of other holdings in this community, one large tract being owned by Washington men.

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THE DIAMOND BRAND.

Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chi-ches-ter's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHI-CHES-TER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known, Best, Safest, Always Reliable

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PERSONALS

Mrs. J. B. Tussing of Washington avenue was a Pittsburg visitor Saturday.

D. A. Dixon has gone to Pittsburg to spend the week-end.

Misses Della and Nora Swan have gone to Indiana to spend the Christmas vacation with their mother.

Miss Ethel May Bowman of Braddock is visiting at the home of her uncle Dr. J. B. Barth of Washington avenue.

Mrs. B. D. Blaker, daughter Miss Dessie and Mrs. William Vance spent Saturday in Pittsburg.

Miss Zella Franks has gone to her home at Clyde, Ohio to spend the holidays.

Miss Nell Ryland, who attends school at Baltimore, Md., is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ryland.

Miss Margaret Laird has gone to her home at Williamsport to visit during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Davis have gone to Wilkes Barre to spend several days with relatives.

Miss Norma Bosson, a student of music at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, Md., is spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bosson.

CLASSIFIED

LOST—Two $50 bills; one $20 bill and three $1 bills in union card case on Lock hill. Twenty per cent reward if money is returned to Otto Pollatti, P. O. Box 118, Lock No. 4. 158-t6.

FOR SALE—1916 Dodge Touring car in good condition. $550. Inquire Peoples Realty Co. 145-eod

FOR SALE—Four roomed house. Oakland avenue. Inquire George W. Turner, Mail Building. 161-t3-p.

FOUND—Raincoat on Fallowfield avenue. Dropped from coal wagon. Owner can have same by calling at 842 this office and paying for this ad. 161-t1.

WANTED—Traveler for 1917 for old established line. Salary, commission and expense allowance to right man. J. E. McBracy, Chicago. 161-t1-p.

FORTY TONS OF AUTO TAGS SENT BY PARCEL POST

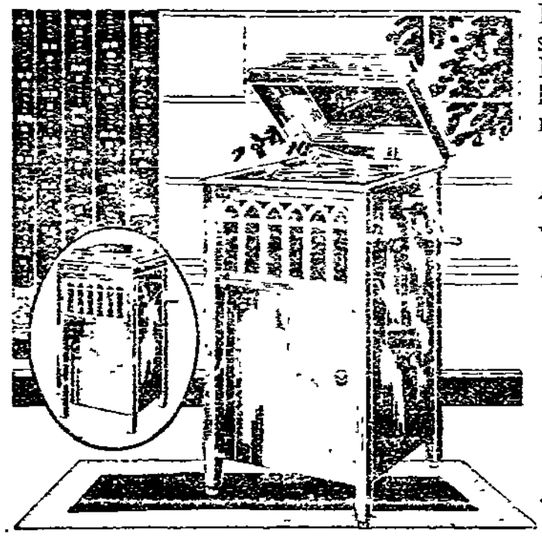
The State Highway Department Friday shipped 40 tons of automobile and motorcycle license tags by parcel post. The tags are the first of the 1917 series to be shipped. In the lot were 35,000 automobile tags and 8,000 for motorcycles.

The New Pathe *Pathephone*

Make This Christmas a Musical One

The Pathe Pathephone plays all makes of Disc Records perfectly.

The Pathephone is not an ordinary Talking Machine. It's a Musical Instrument.



Don't Scowl at your steel needles, use a Pathephone and be happy. There are no needles to change.

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As an incentive for you to join our Club we offer a bonus of $1.25, which is equal to your first weekly deposit. This amount will be credited to your account when you become a member of The Prosperity Club.

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In addition to the Bonus which we give you, we will pay you Interest on your deposits.

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You can join The Prosperity Club at any time, but the earlier you join, the sooner you will receive its benefits.

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1. Upon your opening an account in our Prosperity Club we will credit you with a Bonus of $1.25, which is equal to the amount of your first deposit.
2. We will pay you Interest for the entire time, and on the full amount you have deposited at the maturity of The Prosperity Club Period, which is one hundred weeks. Interest will be compounded and added to your deposits.
3. Upon completion of all your deposits in The Prosperity Club we will pay you all the money you have deposited, the bonus credited to you at the time you opened the account and all the Interest earned at the end of the Club period.
4. Deposits may be made on any day of each week, and several advance deposits may be made at one time.
5. Anyone may open as many accounts as they wish in our Prosperity Club department, each account being considered a separate transaction.
6. The terms contained on the signature card, which is signed by the new member, are also a part of the rules of The Prosperity Club.

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Safe Deposit Boxes, $2 and upwards per annum.
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ELECTING A PRESIDENT.

Power of Congress to Deal With Electoral College Returns.

The electoral commission established the precedent that congress should not seek to go behind certificates regularly submitted by recognized state governments. That principle is also embodied in the Edmunds law of 1887, which defined and enlarged the power of congress to deal with electoral college returns.

This act directs that if any state shall have provided by law before the selection of electors for the final determination of contests regarding their appointment the state's decision shall be final unless the regularity of the state's action is questioned by both houses of congress.

If two or more returns are received these rules govern:

First.—If the state shall have determined that the votes forwarded in one of the returns were given regularly those votes shall be counted.

Second.—If two authorities, each claiming regularity, shall both have determined that the different sets of voters were regularly cast then congress must decide which set shall be accepted.

Third.—If the state shall have made no determination, then congress shall be free to determine. But if the houses cannot agree the votes of those electors whose appointment is certified by the governor shall be counted.

The general purport of the act is to recognize the right of congress to decide all disputed questions in regard to the counting of electoral votes which the state has not decided or has decided irregularly.—New York Tribune.

Durable.

"I want a slogan," said the manufacturer of phonograph records, "something that will convey the idea that our records never wear out."

The advertising man lit a fresh cigarette and thought for eight seconds by the clock.

"How will this do?" he asked. "One of our dance records will outlast the best hardwood dancing floors ever built."—New York World

Raw Food Must Be Washed.

"Gritting of sand between the teeth while eating vegetables raw is a certain sign that they have been cleaned improperly, if at all," says the New York Medical Journal and adds that because of improper washing it is often not safe to eat raw vegetables, salads or fruits.

Never Again.

"Does your wife ever make you exchange goods she buys and doesn't like?"

"She tried that once, and only once. I exchanged a silk dress for a meerschaum pipe." — Louisville Courier-Journal.

Scared Him Into It.

Young Widow—Did you have any trouble getting Jack to propose? Girl Friend—No, dear; I told him you were after him.—Boston Transcript.

A Long Siege.

After a siege of twenty-four years Turkey took Candia from Venice in 1669.

A Roast Resented.

"I always try to attend to my own business," said the self approving man.

"That's jes' what folks are talkin' about," replied Farmer Corntossel. "Tendin' to your own business ain't what we 'lected you to the legislature fur."—Washington Star

MADE HIS WORKMEN RIVALS.

How Charles M. Schwab Spurred Them on to Greater Efforts.

In telling how he increased the efficiency of one of his departments Charles M. Schwab, the famous steel man, says in the American Magazine:

"It was near the end of the day; in a few minutes the night force would come on duty. I turned to a workman who was standing beside one of the [illegible] furnaces and asked him for a piece of chalk.

"'How many heats has your shift made?' I inquired.

"'Six,' he replied.

"I chalked a big 6 on the door and passed on without another word. When the [illegible] saw the chalk mark they said to one another:

"'The big boss was in here today,' said the day men. 'He asked us how many heats we had made, and we told him six. He chalked it down.'

"The next morning I passed through the same mill. I saw that the 6 had been rubbed out and a big 7 written instead. The night shift had an hour of less. That night I went back. The 7 had been erased, and a '10' substituted in its place. The day force [illegible] this. Thus the competition was started, and it went on until this mill, formerly the poorest producer, was turning out more than any other mill in the plant."

STING OF THE HONEYBEE.

About the Most Effective Infernal Machine in Existence.

In proportion to its size, the sting of the honeybee is probably the most effective infernal machine in existence.

The stinging apparatus is smaller than that of a rattlesnake, yet a single sting has been known to kill a man. When we realize that it is almost invisible and consider what it can do we cannot fail to be astounded. It seems the very quintessence of devilishness.

The honeybee's sting is complicated—so complicated that many words and much ink have been used in discussing its construction and use.

It is generally conceded that the sting consists of a shaft of three parts, the principal one being a sheath within which move two barbed lancets. Like the barbs of a fishhook, the lancets are not easily extracted from the flesh into which they have been driven. The sheath and the lancets combined form a hollow tube through which the poison flows from the poison sac.

Two hairy, soft projections, evidently very sensitive, inform the bee when she is in contact with a stingable object.—Popular Science Monthly.

Frohman's Little Safe.

When Charles Frohman was treasurer with Haverly's minstrels he conceived a novel stunt of arousing curiosity in small towns. He bought a small iron safe, about three feet high, and on it had painted in big letters, "Treasurer, Haverly's Mastodon Minstrels." Now actually there was little need for this safe, but it was always carried on the first load of baggage that went to a hotel. It would be placed in a conspicuous place, and then Frohman, waiting until the proper moment, would bustle up to it with an air of great importance, open it, put in two or three $100 bills, close it and go away. When the crowd had gone he would slip back and get the money out again. It proved a good advertising stunt.—"Charles Frohman, Manager and Man."

The White House.

A prize of $500 was offered in Washington's administration for the best design for a house to serve as a home for the president in Washington. James Hoban, an Irishman from South Carolina, was the successful competitor. His sketch contained so many wings and colonnades that the public was horrified, and frills and gingerbread decorations were eliminated. The result was the two story White House as we know it now. Washington laid the cornerstone of the building in 1792. It was completed in 1799, the year of Washington's death.

Liberty and Equality.

Liberty is never the fruit of philosophical deductions, but rather of everyday experience and of the simple ideas arising from facts.—Mirabeau.

Liberty—I say it with a sigh, men are perhaps not worthy of thee. Equality—they desire thee, but they cannot attain thee.—Turgot.

John o'Groat's to Land's End.

The distance in English miles between John o'Groat's, at the extreme north of England, to Land's End, in the farthest south, is about 480 miles as the crow flies, though by the ordinary lines of travel, of course, the distance is something more than that.

Cause of the Trouble.

Specialist — Your heart is acting rather irregularly. Is there anything worrying you? Patient—Not particularly. Only just now when you put your hand in your pocket I thought for a moment you were going to give me your bill.—Puck.

When He Remembers.

"Willie, don't you know that it is wrong to fight?"

"Yes, ma. I know it's wrong, but I never think of it that way unless the fellow who tackles me is one I'm sure I can't lick."—Detroit Free Press

Must Have Been In the Dark Age.

"How many years ago did he live?"

"Who?"

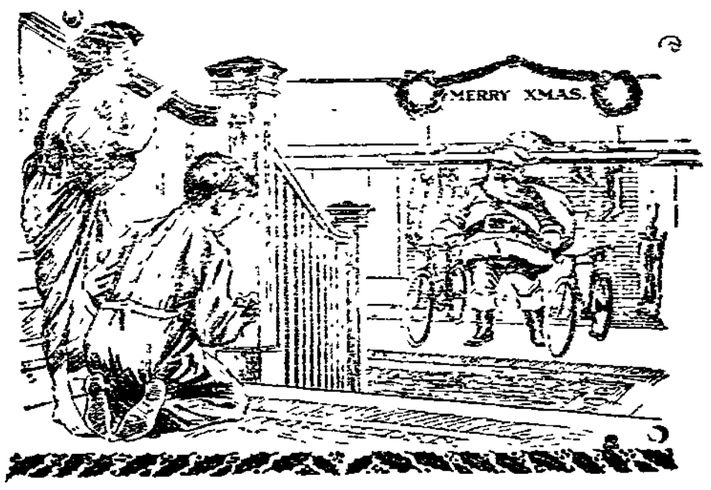
"The man who said that two could live as cheaply as one?"—Detroit Free Press

He who is firm and resolute in will molds the world to himself.—Goethe.

THEY ARE HAPPY

--:-- BECAUSE --:--

They Have what they Wanted Most



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